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TOPIC	Military Information from the Quartering Area of the 25th Tank Div		
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1. On 22 May 1954, the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse [redacted] Prenzlau, was occupied by only a guard detail. The scheduled reconditioning work had not yet started.
2. On 6 May, the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse was occupied by only a rear detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Workers stated that the troops had been entrained toward Templin at the Prenzlau freight station between 27 and 29 April and that they presumably were quartered in Camp Kennenburg.
3. On 22 May, the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse [redacted] was occupied by only a guard detail. On 14 May, JS-2 tank [redacted] left the installation. 25X1
4. Between 11 and 22 May, additional dependents followed to the summer camp, according to a soldier. 25X1
5. On 6 May, the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse was occupied by only a rear detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Workers stated that the troops stationed in this installation were also entrained toward Templin at the Prenzlau freight station between 27 and 29 April. 25X1
6. On 20 May, the Weisse Stadt Settlement [redacted] Oranienburg, was occupied by a guard detail of about 50 troops. [redacted] Truck [redacted] was seen near the entrance. 25X1
7. Between late April and 15 May, the Weisse Stadt Settlement was occupied only by the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshov. Individual groups of this unit fell in in front of building No 3 on several days of observation. 25X1
8. [redacted] between 25 and 27 April, the Weisse Stadt Settlement was vacated, except for one unit. The troops allegedly left for summer training at Vogelsang. 25X1

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9. Between 25 and 27 April, all units stationed in the Weisse Stadt Settlement, except for the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshov, left for summer training at Vogelsang. Building No 3, which was being prepared for Unit Kuleshov, was partly occupied on 3 May.¹
10. Between 28 April and 3 May, the Weisse Stadt Settlement was occupied by a guard detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.
11. On 20 May, the SS Kaserne and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp [redacted] Oranienburg, were occupied as previously by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. On 14 May, about 250 troops received basic training in the barracks area and, on 17 May, 4 T-34/85 tanks were serviced, while 3 T-34/85 tanks and T-34 tank [redacted] were seen at driving practice in the area north of the installation. [redacted] An undetermined number of troops practiced firing with carbines in the area south of the installation between Lehnitz Lake and Bernauer Allee.²
12. Between 18 and 26 May, the SS Kaserne and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp were occupied by about 600 troops [redacted]. The troops allegedly were to transfer in October and, subsequently, the camp was to be turned over to the VF. This was allegedly the reason why no new orders for reconditioning work had been placed. In the morning on 23 May, about 480 troops, including some wearing tank insignia, left for Schuetzenhaus. The troops returned at about 2 p.m.² At about 8:35 p.m. on 24 May, 6 T-34 tanks, including 2 with a green coat of paint, were ready for entraining at the Oranienburg freight station. Between 17 and 26 May, driving school trucks [redacted] were daily observed in the town, while 2 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, daily left toward the firing range near the brickyard. The trucks returned at about 1 p.m.
13. In May, source learned that the SS Kaserne and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp were to be vacated from Soviet troops by October 1954.

1. [redacted] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshov (fnu) is known as supply officer of the topographic unit of the group.

2. [redacted] Comment. Units of the 25th Tank Div which are carried in the SS Kaserne and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp include the unidentified Tank Tng Ln, the unidentified Motor Trans Ln and the driving school of the division. The strength figure mentioned in paragraph 11, therefore, appears too high. The scheduled occupation of the installation by KVP is confirmed by two sources.

3. [redacted] Comment. Observations in Frenzlan and Oranienburg confirm the absence of the units of the 25th Tank Div and their transfer to the Tannlin troop training grounds between 25 and 27 April.

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